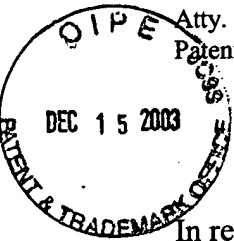


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Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003 as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 13-69. Applicant notes that claims 5-12 have been allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to this Office Action.

Applicant also hereby submits a Change of Correspondence Address form concurrently with this Response.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 for the extension is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees due with this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2225.

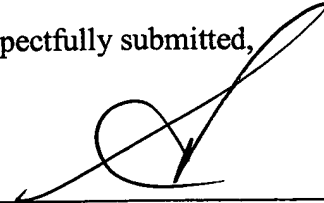
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Respectfully submitted,

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